(b) to (c) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*)

(d) Due to limited allocation of funds for National Highways in the 8th Plan, it is difficult to declare any new National Highways for the present.

Statement

Declaration of National Highways in Maharashtra

During the 8th Five Year Plan, the Government of Maharashtra has requested for the declaration of following eleven State Roads as New National Highway

S. No.	Name of the road	Length in Km.
1	Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur	807
2	Western-Coastal Highway	704
3	Solapur-Osmanabad-Beed-Aurangabad-Dhule-Vadodara.	642
4	Bombay-Ahmedanagar-Nanded-Jagdalpur	660
5	Surat-Dhule	127
6	Aurangabad-Nanded-Hyderabad	351
7	Indore-Amravati-Yeotmal-Chandrapur-Durg	597
8	Aurangabad-Ajanta-Edlabad-Burhanpur.	201
9	Betul-Nagpur-Chandrapur-Pattagundam	408
10	Amravati-Pandhurna	96
11	Mangalwedha-Jat-Belgaum	86
	TOTAL	4679 Km.

Shortfall in the fixed targets

1245. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report published in the Indian Express dated 21st December, 1993 under the headline "Rs. 2 134 crore plan to improve highways flops" is true;

(b) what are the reasons for the overall shortfall in the targets set by the Ministry of Surface Transport;

(c) whether Government have tried to fix any accountability for the lapses;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is contemplated to be taken thereon; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what is being done to ensure that such lapses do not occur in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGIDSH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Out of 2,665 project works targetted for completion, 2618 were completed.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Crane service on National Highways

1246. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to introduce crane Service on National Highways to remove vehicles which break down on such highways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b)

Some State Governments have asked for financial assistance to introduce patrolling service in accident prone areas on national highways. Under this proposed service, the State Governments plan to have at least one Crane and one ambulance for removal of vehicles which break down on highways and removal of injured persons to the nearest hospital. No final decision on the request of the State Governments to grant financial assistance by the Government has been taken.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं के कार्य में विलंब

1247. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं पर कार्य शुरू होने में विलंब के कारण उनकी लागत में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के संबंध में उनका परियोजनावार ब्यौरा क्या है, इन राजमार्गों के संबंध में किस हद तक विलंब हुआ है और कितनी लागत बढ़ी है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में अधिकारियों की ओर से लापरवाही बरते जाने की संभावना के बारे में की गई जांच का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भूमि अधिग्रहण संबंधी समस्याओं, ऊंची निविदाओं के अनुमोदन, इत्यादि के कारण देश भर में दो करोड़ रुपए से अधिक की लागत वाली केवल 14 सड़क और पुल परियोजनाओं पर कार्य शुरू करने में विलम्ब हुआ है। चूंकि ये कार्य अभी पूरे नहीं हुए हैं, इसलिए परिणामी लागत वृद्धि की गणना अभी से कर पाना संभव नहीं है,

(ग) ऐसा पाया गया है कि ऊंची निविदाएं भूमि अधिग्रहण तथा निविदाएं पुनः आमंत्रण करने की समस्याओ के कारण यह विलम्ब होता है ।

Coastal road from Calcutta to Kanyakumari

1248. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to take up the construction of east coastal road from Calcutta to Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, what is the stage of the proposal and

(c) if not, in view of the fact, that the east coast is also becoming a sensitive border, whether Government would construct the said road ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Pollution on the National Highway

1249. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to know the traffic polution on the National Highway from New Delhi to Amritsar, (Punjab);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do dot arise.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों की संख्या

1250. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में स्वीकृत श्रेणीवार कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या कितनी है;